



California State Fire Marshal **CODE INTERPRETATION**

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Topic	Exiting Requirements in Group I, Division 1.1 Occupancies		
Code Section(s)	§308.2.1, California Building Code (1998 ed) §904.1.2, Exception #4, California Building Code (1998 ed)		
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SCENARIO: A single-family dwelling converted to house six non-ambulatory children under the age of six in a Group I, Division 1.1 nursery:

- 1. Is it the intent of the Section 308.2.1 to require a Group I Occupancy housed in an existing family dwelling to be constructed of one-hour fire-resistive materials?**

Yes. If the facility intends to house more than 6 non-ambulatory children, it is required that the facility be of at least one-hour construction.
- 2. Is it the intent of Exception 4 in Section 904.1.2 to permit the installation of an automatic fire sprinkler system conforming to NFPA Standard No. 13-R within Group I Occupancies housed in existing single-family dwellings?**

No. NFPA #13-R systems are not permitted. All Group I, Division 1.1 facilities must be provided with NFPA Standard No. 13 automatic fire sprinkler systems. Group I Occupancies located in single-family dwellings which house 6, or fewer clients are not be required to have automatic sprinkler protection.
- 3. Is it the intent of the Section 1007.5.10 to permit every habitable room within a Group I Occupancy located in an existing single-family dwelling to exit directly to the exterior rather than through a corridor?**

No. Interior corridors are required to be of fire-rated construction because two exits must be provided for all staff and clients.